



# WORKING TO KEEP CALIFORNIA'S WATERS CLEAN

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## Did you know ...

A sewer system and a storm drain system are different? Water from sinks and toilets goes into the sewer system. This water flows to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and filtered before entering lakes, rivers, or the ocean. Water and debris that go down storm drains flow directly to a lake, river or the ocean.

## There are ways you can prevent storm water pollution

- *Don't dump waste in storm drains.*
- *Dispose of household chemicals properly.*
- *Clean up oil spills and fix leaking automobiles.*
- *Sweep driveways clean - do not hose them down.*
- *Don't rinse paint brushes and paint cans into storm drains.*
- *Try to minimize and properly apply home and garden chemicals such as pesticides, fertilizers, etc.*

For further information on California's water protection programs, visit our web site at [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov)